



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1154**  
**Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2005**  
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 28, 2005*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1154 would amend existing laws that govern the authority of the National Park Service (NPS) to operate the Acadia National Park in Maine. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost the NPS about \$12 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting S. 1154 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1154 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	2	3	3	2	2
Estimated Outlays	2	4	2	2	2

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For the estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized or estimated to be necessary will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical patterns for similar NPS acquisition and development projects.

S. 1154 would increase the statutory ceiling for land acquisition costs at Acadia from \$9.1 million to \$28 million. Because \$18 million has already been appropriated and spent for this purpose, the proposed increase represents a change of \$10 million. CBO estimates that this amount would be spent evenly over a five-year period to purchase up to 100 tracts of land within the park's existing boundaries.

The bill also would authorize the NPS to participate in designing, building, and operating a transportation center located outside of park boundaries. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO expects that most of the cost of constructing the center would be borne by the Department of Transportation under existing authority. We estimate that the NPS would spend about \$2 million over the 2007-2008 period to furnish a small visitor facility within the center and develop appropriate exhibits and other interpretive materials. We estimate that new annual costs to help operate the center would be minimal.

Finally, S. 1154 would extend the life of the Acadia National Park Advisory Committee for an additional 20 years. Authority for the commission is set to expire near the end of fiscal year 2006. CBO estimates that the cost of operating the commission would be less than \$50,000 a year beginning in 2007.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1154 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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